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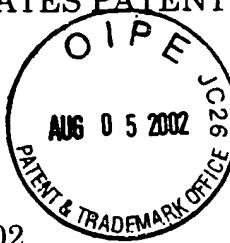
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The present invention was made in consideration to the
aforementioned circumstance, and it is thus an advantage of the present
invention to provide a communication system capable of connecting to the
terminal within the local system from the Internet, or connecting to the
terminals within different local systems via a plurality of relay servers, and a
relay server preferable to be used in such a communication system.